

**REMARKS**

Consideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 31, 39 through 42, and 44 through 51 remain in this application. Claims 32 through 38 and 43 have previously been cancelled. No claims stand withdrawn. Claims 52 through 54 have been added.

Claims 1 through 31, 39 through 42, and 44 through 51 stand allowed. Claims 52 through 54, which depend from claim 1 through claims 48 and 49, have been added and generally recite further method steps for determining a degree of stability of the soil to be treated. Support for these features is provided in the application particularly at pages 12 through 14 of the specification.

**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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